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Birkholz honored for work preventing invasive species

LANSING – Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, was honored recently by the Alliance for the Great Lakes for her efforts to protect and preserve the Great Lakes.

She was presented with the 2005 Great Lakes Ally of the Year Award at the Alliance's annual gathering.

Birkholz was recognized for her regional leadership in initiating the Great Lakes Caucus and for introducing legislation to prevent new invasive species from entering the Great Lakes.

The Alliance for the Great Lakes works to conserve and restore the world's largest freshwater resource using policy, education and local efforts to ensure the Great Lakes remain clean and healthy for generations of people and wildlife.

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